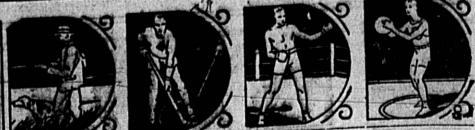




# SPORT PAGE



## Team Is Improved

Bluebirds Show More Pep and Class In Game Against Packards Friday Night

Although they lost, 8-5, the home boys put some pep into the game Friday night between the Bluebirds and the Packard Motors, who went home for the second time in a week with the long end of the score. Almost an entire new line-up took the field for the Birds. Only Speed Landreth, Red Moon and the two pitchers, Van Vliet and Taylor, were left out of the original squad.

Murphy has rebuilt his team on home product lines, and all five of the new boys did exceptionally well considering that it was the first time out for all but Lenel Elder. Pete Zamperini at second covered the bag in snappy fashion and Pete had the honor of leading off with the first hit and the first run in a rally in the first inning with two out that netted three scores.

Lenel Elder at short took care of everything that came his way and only missed a chance for a double play when he fell down in taking Zamperini's quick toss to second. Lenel stopped the ball though, and held the man at second.

Dale Merritt in the catcher's box was the masterpiece of the infield. Dale stopped a number of bad balls, thereby discouraging Packard runners from trying to score, and went after high foul balls no matter where they scored. With the score 6-5 against the Birds, Dale lashed out a long three-bagger and Murphy tried to cross up the visitors by ordering Taylor to bunt after two were out. The cross-up almost succeeded as Taylor was out by a mere eyewinker at first, and Dale's did not count.

Hunter is the new man on third and a good man on the hot corner. He showed up well at the plate also.

The other two home boys are Park and Anderson outfielders. Both of them were playing soft ball for the first time and the next game will find them ready for any emergency.

Some fun was added when the Packard base umpire left the diamond in disgust when his questionable decision on a Torrance foul was put in to sub and called a Packard man out at first on a technicality. This decision was also revoked and the game was all square again on decisions. The foul kick of the evening was provided by a little lube in baseball uniform. "What are YOU sweeping off the plate for, Frank? YOU can't see it," he called out, and even Frank laughed.

Although the Birds lost this decision the result has no bearing on their league standing as the Packards are not in the Federal circuit. The next league game will be played here tomorrow night when the Hollywood club winners of the first half, invade the Torrance diamond. Only four more home games will be played. The season closes on August 20.

## PACKARD

	AB	R	H
Lester, 2b.	1	1	1
Swanson, cf.	1	1	1
Johnson, ss.	3	1	8
Ryan, p.	3	1	1
Hicks, ss.	3	1	1
Vernon, c.	3	1	1
Ashley, rf.	1	1	1
Smith, lf.	1	1	1
Totals	35	8	12

## BLUEBIRDS

	AB	R	H
Moson, p.	5	1	1
Hawkins, 2b.	5	1	1
Sparks, 3b.	5	1	1
Landreth, 1b.	5	1	1
Moore, s.	3	2	2
Van Vliet, c.	2	1	1
Taylor, p.	2	0	0
Anderson, ss.	4	1	1
Miller, lf.	4	1	1
Smith, rf.	4	1	1
Totals	32	8	12

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## BOX SCORES

### Playground League

#### MINOR LEAGUE

HIGGINS

	AB	H	R
C. Tresino	4	1	1
F. Baker	5	5	3
C. Johnson	6	4	2
H. Haas	3	1	1
L. Lee	7	1	2
H. Garland	3	2	2
G. Green	3	2	1
K. Green	2	1	1
T. Higgins	2	2	3
Summers	2	1	1
Fulton	2	1	1
Totals	39	20	29

YANKEE

	AB	H	R
J. Johnson	7	3	2
H. Demay	7	4	3
B. Golden	8	4	1
G. Hight	5	5	4
R. Miller	7	4	2
H. Allen	4	2	1
B. Yancey	5	3	5
E. Dow	6	5	4
B. Cline	1	1	0
Richardson	4	2	2
Paxman	1	0	0
Totals	55	33	27
Yancey	0	16	200
Higgins	0	9	1003
Summary	Home runs—Hight, 2;		
Baker, 2; Lee, 1; Johnson, 1.			
Three-base hits—Hight, Dow, G.			
Green, Two-base hits—Hight, 1; Summers, Richardson, bases on balls—Off Dow, 3; Richardson, 16; Higgins, 8; off Baker, 3;			
Summers, 8; Winning pitcher—Richardson.			

PUEBLO

	AB	R	H
J. Flores	2b	7	5
T. Rivera	ss	6	5
H. Slover, 1b.	5	6	5
T. Flores, c.	5	4	5
M. Plaza, lf.	5	1	1
M. Duerta, rf.	4	0	3
E. Scheen, cf.	2	0	1
H. Darling, et.	6	0	3
R. Vega, 3b.	3	2	2
J. Castillo, p.	7	0	1
Totals	45	24	31

HIGGINS

	AB	R	H
B. Johnson, rf.	4	1	1
C. Steadman, lf.	4	1	1
H. Garland, p., ss.	4	1	1
C. Johnson, ss., p.	5	1	2
H. Moore, 2b.	4	1	0
H. Garland, ss.	2	1	0
W. Hazel, 1b.	2	1	0
C. Tresino, c.	2	0	0
E. Scoones, cf.	2	0	0
E. Smith, cf.	2	0	1
Totals	35	6	9

Summary: Home runs—T. Rivera

2; Vega, Johnson, Garland; Bases on balls—Off Johnson, 7; Garland, 2; Castillo, 7. Struck out—By Johnson, 2; by Paxman, 2; by Castillo, 2; by Johnson, 2; by Garfield, 2.

KUHNS

	AB	R	H
Edmonds, rf.	3	0	1
Kuhn, 2b.	4	0	2
Fulton, c.	3	1	2
Russell, p.	5	1	0
Goth, cf.	4	0	0
Thompson, ss.	1	1	2
Javens, 1b.	1	1	2
H. Tivoli, 3b.	1	0	0
West, lf.	3	0	1
Stewart, rf.	3	1	1
Totals	34	5	11

HIGGINS

	AB	R	H
H. Garland, 2b.	4	2	1
B. Hazel, 1b.	4	2	1
Daniels, p.	5	6	5
J. Johnson, ss.	5	6	5
C. Steadman, lf.	2	0	0
H. Garland, rf.	4	1	1
M. Moore, cf.	2	1	1
Lee, 3b.	5	2	1
C. Tresino, c.	3	2	2
D. Petrie, lf.	2	0	0
Totals	38	10	11

MAJOR LEAGUE

YANKEES

	AB	R	H
Hight, R.	5	2	2
Natal, 1b.	5	2	2
Schoett, ss.	4	2	2
Lawyer, c.	4	1	1
Yankees, 2b.	4	1	1
Cook, 3b.	4	1	1
M. Richardson, p.	4	1	1
J. Johnson, ss.	5	1	1
Paxman, cf.	5	1	1
Totals	24	12	16